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For: CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC FORMULATIONS OF  
DILTIAZEM AND THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE  
2011 South Clark Place  
Crystal Plaza 2, Room 1B03  
Arlington, Virginia 22202  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response to the Office Action of November 18, 2002, now set to expire February 18, 2003, be extended for three months, to and including May 18, 2003. Since May 18, 2003 falls on a Sunday, the due date is extended to Monday, May 19, 2003.

Enclosed herewith please find a check in the amount of \$930.00 US in payment of the three-month extension of time fee for a large entity. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed, please obtain any such deficiency from or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account No. 08-3255 and advise Applicant's Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

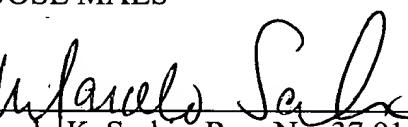
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